Anti-Slavery Office,
New York, 21 Nov., 1864.

My Dear Garrison,

From what I learn, I suspect that the question of consolidating the Liberator and the Standard will be decided at last according to your feeling and wishes. Mr. May has somehow got the impression that little or nothing, pecuniarily speaking, would be gained by the measure; but after a careful calculation, I feel sure that we should gain, at the very least, $1,000; in other words, the two papers united would come nearer to self-support by that sum than the Standard does now. We should have less to raise by $1,000 to carry it on than for the Standard

alone. And that, in all probability, would make all the difference between success and failure.

"Some of our friends, I understand, are ~~anxious~~ fearful that we should lose many of the Liberator subscribers by your failure on your part to write. But I tell them there is no fear of that; that when you are once released from the cares and vexations that attend the conduct of the Liberator, your mind will spring into new activity, and you cannot help writing more and better than you now do. Of course, I see that it will be very important for you to do so, especially at first.

"I think, from what I hear, that Whipple will oppose the union, partly on the assumption that if you once

but go of the Liberator, you will not resume it after the anti-Slavery struggle is over; whereas, if the union don't take place, you will go on with it as long as you live. This strikes me as a singular reason for opposing the measure; but I meet it in this way, viz: The going on with the Liberator as you are now doing will wear upon your health and shorten your life. The union, on the other hand, will give you a breathing spell, and enable you, if it should be desirable, after the anti-Slavery struggle is over, to resume the Liberator with renewed strength and courage.

I do fondly hope, for the cause's sake and your sake, that the union will be consummated. The longer I think of it, the more sure do I feel that it would work well, and

enable the Am. Society to continue its organ to the very end of the struggle; whereas, if the measure is rejected the Standard may have to stop at the end of the present volume, and perhaps the Liberator also. In union we shall find strength.

Yours, ever and always,

Oliver Johnson.